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Harris says leaving reelection decision to Biden was ‘recklessness,’ but she defends his abilities

By MICHELLE L. PRICE
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Vice President Kamala Harris says it was “recklessness” for Democrats to leave it to President Joe Biden to decide whether to continue seeking another term last year, but she defends his ability to do the job, accord-

ing to an excerpt of her new book. Harris, in an excerpt of “107 Days” published Wednesday in The Atlantic, writes that as questions swirled about whether the then-81-year-old Biden should seek reelection, she and others left the decision to him and first lady Jill Biden.

“Was it grace, or was it recklessness? In retrospect, I think it was recklessness,” Harris said.

The remarks are the first time Harris has been publicly critical of Biden’s decision to run again an ill-fated decision that saw him drop out in July 2024 after a disastrous debate performance, leaving her to head up the Democratic ticket and ultimately lose to Republican Donald Trump.

“The stakes were simply too high,” Harris writes in the book. “This wasn’t a choice that should have been left to an individual’s ego, an individual’s ambition. It should have been more than a personal decision.”

Biden’s office did not immediately have a comment Wednesday.

Throughout the campaign and in its wake, Harris had avoided much criticism of the president she served beside and defended him amid questions about his mental acuity.

In the book excerpt, Harris continues to defend Biden’s ability to do the job but describes him in 2024 and especially at the time of his “debate debacle” as “tired.” “On his worst day, he was more deeply knowledgeable, more capable of exercising judgment, and far more compassionate than Donald Trump on his best. But at 81, Joe got tired. That’s when his age showed in physical and verbal stumbles,” Harris writes.

“I don’t think it’s any surprise that the debate debacle happened right after two back-to-back trips to Europe and a flight to the West Coast for a Hollywood fundraiser. I don’t believe it was incapacity.”

She adds that if she believed Biden were incapacitated, she would have said so out of loyalty to the country.

Harris also blames those close to Biden for unflattering media coverage throughout the time she served as vice president and throwing her under the bus to boost Biden’s public standing. □



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Trump offers ambiguous initial response to Russian drone incursion into Poland's airspace

By AAMER MADHANI

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Wednesday offered an ambiguous initial response to Russia's drone incursion into Poland's airspace, a provocative act by Moscow that has put the United States' NATO allies in Europe on edge.

"What's with Russia violating Poland's airspace with drones? Here we go!" Trump posted on his Truth Social platform late Wednesday morning, nearly a half-day after Poland announced that several Russian drones entered its territory over the course of many hours and were shot down with help from NATO allies.

White House officials did not immediately respond to queries about Trump's cryptic comments about the incursion. It was the first time the transatlantic alliance has confronted a potential threat in its airspace, scrambling jets to shoot the Russian drones out of the sky.

But Trump's comment stood in sharp contrast to the strong condemnation by several European leaders and was notably less robust than that of his ambas-



President Donald Trump speaks to reporters before he enters a restaurant near the White House, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025, in Washington, to have dinner.

Associated Press

sador to NATO, Matthew Whitaker.

"We stand by our @NATO Allies in the face of these airspace violations and will defend every inch of NATO territory," Whitaker posted on X.

The incursion occurred as the U.S. leader is struggling to persuade Russian President Vladimir Putin to engage in direct peace talks with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy

to end Russia's more than 3-year-old war in Ukraine.

Trump spoke Wednesday with Polish President Karol Nawrocki, who was at the White House last week for talks in which the two leaders discussed expanding the U.S. military presence in Poland. Following the call, Nawrocki posted on X that the conversation "confirmed the unity of our alliance."

The U.S. president last

month held a summit with Putin in Alaska and then met with Zelenskyy and key European allies about finding a pathway to end the war something that Trump vowed to get done quickly during his 2024 White House campaign.

Trump emerged from those high-level talks to announce he was arranging a Putin-Zelenskyy meeting and potentially a three-way summit in which he would

take part. But Trump's confidence in arranging a peace summit has fizzled as Putin has only intensified air strikes on Ukraine over the past few weeks.

After Wednesday's incursion, Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina urged Trump to move forward with new sanctions on Moscow.

"Mr. President, Congress is with you," Graham posted on X. "We stand ready to pass legislation authorizing bone crushing new sanctions and tariffs that can be deployed at your discretion. Our goal is to empower you as you deal with this mounting threat."

Poland said some of the drones came from Belarus, a close Moscow ally, where Russian and Belarusian troops have begun gathering for war games scheduled to start Friday. Russia's Defense Ministry said it did not target Poland, while Belarus said it tracked some drones that "lost their course" and entered Poland because they were jammed.

But European officials did not accept Moscow's explanation and argued the incident suggests Putin is escalating his war on Ukraine. □

Federal agents seize more than 600K illegal vapes in nationwide crackdown

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER

Associated Press

Bensenville, Ill. (AP) — Federal agents carried out seizures nationwide of illegal vaping products Wednesday as the Trump administration moved to crack down on products that are regularly used by teens in the U.S. after being smuggled in from China.

Attorney General Pam Bondi and Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. traveled to Illinois to tout the seizures, which included more than 600,000 illegal products taken from a distributor outside of Chicago.

At a news conference on Wednesday, Bondi said hundreds of thousands of products were seized by federal agents, many smuggled into

the U.S. from China.

"They're targeting children, young adults, students and even members of our military" Bondi said. "Make no mistake Chinese companies are making billions of dollars off of these products. They're peddling them into our country."

It's the latest attempt by law enforcement to staunch the flow of unauthorized vapes that have flooded into the U.S. in kid-friendly flavors, often from China. Their influx has forced the FDA to try to eliminate thousands of illegal products sold by under-the-radar importers and distributors.

Agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Food and Drug Administration

and the U.S. Marshals Service also seized illegal products from distributors and retailers in North Carolina, Arizona, New Jersey, Georgia and Florida, federal officials said. The Justice Department also filed civil actions Wednesday seeking to halt illegal business practices happening at five distributors and five retailers, officials said. That follows undercover buys of illegal products that ATF agents carried out at distributors across the country last month, according to authorities. Standing in front of a warehouse where products were seized, she said the Justice Department would also not rule out bringing criminal charges, if warranted.

Vaping among teens sky-

rocketed in 2019, when more than a quarter reported using vapes daily. But use has declined in recent years with fewer adolescents reported vaping in 2024 than at any

point in the last decade. Officials attributed that drop in part to more aggressive enforcement against retailers and manufacturers. □



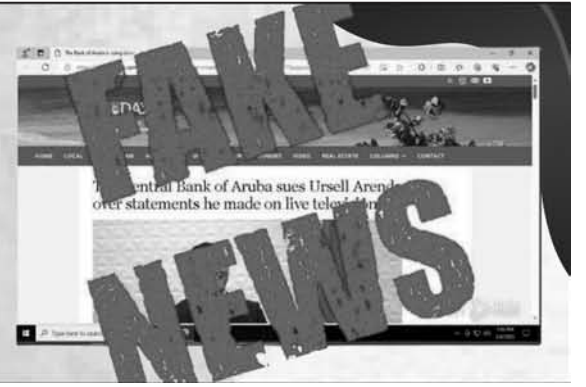
Attorney General Pam Bondi speaks during a human smuggling news conference Thursday Sept. 4, 2025, in Tampa, Fla.

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Charlie Kirk, who helped build support for Trump among young people, dies after campus shooting

OREM, Utah (AP) — Charlie Kirk, the CEO and co-founder of the conservative youth organization Turning Point USA, was in critical condition at a Utah hospital Wednesday after being shot at a college event, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press. A suspect was in custody, the college said. Videos posted to social media from Utah Valley University show Kirk speaking into a handheld microphone while sitting under a white tent emblazoned with the slogans "The American Comeback" and "Prove Me Wrong." A single shot rings out and Kirk can be seen reaching up with his right hand as a large volume of blood gushes from the left side of his neck. Stunned spectators are heard gasping and screaming before people start to run away. The AP



Charlie Kirk speaks before he is shot during Turning Point's visit to Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025.

Associated Press

was able to confirm the videos were taken at Sorensen Center courtyard on the Utah Valley University campus.

"We are confirming that he was shot and we are praying for Charlie," said Aubrey Laitsch, public relations manager for Turning

Point USA before news of his passing. Kirk was speaking at a debate hosted by his non-profit political organiza-

tion. The event had been met with divided opinions on campus. An online petition calling for university administrators to bar Kirk from appearing received nearly 1,000 signatures. The university issued a statement last week citing First Amendment rights and affirming its "commitment to free speech, intellectual inquiry, and constructive dialogue."

Last week, Kirk posted on X images of news clips showing his visit to Utah colleges was sparking controversy. He wrote, "What's going on in Utah?"

The college said a "single shot" had been fired at Kirk and a suspect was in custody.

President Donald Trump and a host of Republican and Democratic elected officials decried the shooting and offered prayers for Kirk on social media. □

Appeals court upholds New Jersey's ban on carrying firearms in sensitive places

By **MIKE CATALINI**
Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A federal appeals court on Wednesday upheld a New Jersey law that barred carrying firearms in so-called sensitive places like schools and public gatherings. The 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, in a 139-page opinion, recounted a longstanding history in the United States of prohibiting firearms in certain circumstances and reversed a lower court's opinion that struck part of New Jersey's law.

"As we look through our history, a pattern emerges: our Nation has permitted restriction of firearms in discrete locations set aside for

particular civic functions of firearms was historically and where the presence regulated as jeopardiz-



New Jersey Attorney General Matt Platkin announces he and Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison are suing Glock gun manufacturer to get them to stop selling guns that can be modified with a switch to turn into a machine gun like weapon, Dec. 12, 2024, in Newark, N.J.

Associated Press

ing the peace or posing a physical danger to others," the panel of judges sitting in Philadelphia wrote.

New Jersey Attorney General Matt Platkin, a Democrat, praised the opinion in a statement.

"This decisive victory allows us to continue our critical work protecting the millions of people who call New Jersey home," he said.

Pete Patterson, an attorney for one of the two groups of the New Jersey residents and gun rights supporters who brought the case, said they were disappointed in court's decision and were evaluating what to do next. Patterson also said they were pleased to prevail in part. The judges let stand

the lower court's ruling that stopped an insurance mandate in the law.

A message seeking comment was also left with the other gun rights groups that brought the challenge to New Jersey's law.

The ruling comes as other federal appeals courts around the country ruled similarly in other states, including, Hawaii, New York and Virginia.

The opinion is also the latest domino to fall since the U.S. Supreme Court's 2022 ruling greatly expanding gun rights in the country, and leading New Jersey and other Democratic-leaning states to redraft their laws to align with the court's opinion. □

U.S. homeland security chief and Belgian prime minister pledge joint efforts to tackle drug smuggling

By **SAM McNEIL**

Associated Press

ANTWERP, Belgium (AP)

— U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem held talks with Belgian Prime Minister Bart De Wever on Wednesday about maritime security and bilateral efforts to fight transnational drug smuggling.

Noem said during a joint appearance in Antwerp that various U.S. agencies were cooperating with Belgium to increase the sharing of data and intelligence to combat drug trafficking. “Our threats will be stopped through collaboration, through sharing of information and intelligence,” she said, adding that ports are “a prime target for foreign terrorist organizations, or cartels, or transnational criminal organizations that smuggle drugs and smuggle traffic through them. And here in Antwerp, you know that all too well.”

De Wever, a former mayor of Antwerp, has traveled as far as South America in efforts to tackle surging drug trafficking through northern Europe. He said that European nations should increase cooperation amongst themselves



United States Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem, left, participates in a press statement with Belgium's Prime Minister Bart De Wever during a visit to the Port of Antwerp in Antwerp, Belgium, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025.

Associated Press

as well as the U.S. “to crush the business model of organized crime. We must do this because criminals know no borders at all.”

De Wever introduced Noem to a drug-detecting dog named Emma before showing off new trucks used by the port of Antwerp to scan containers for illicit goods. The pair then boarded helicopters for an aerial tour of the port.

In recent years, more drugs have flowed through Antwerp than any other European facility, according to the 2025 annual report by the European Union Drugs Agency.

The report found cocaine seizures in Europe in 2023 hit a record for a seventh straight year, with 419 metric tons (462 tons) of cocaine confiscated by authorities. Belgium led with

123 metric tons (135 tons), followed by Spain with 118 metric tons (130 tons) and the Netherlands with 59 metric tons (65 tons). The three countries with major ports accounted for 72% of the total grabbed by agents.

The drugs agency's early warning system to spot new synthetic drugs has identified 1,000 new substances in its 27 years of existence.

Authorities have warned illicit drug flows will spark violent crime and raise addiction rates across the continent.

Europe remains the leading producer and exporter of ecstasy.

Since taking charge of Homeland Security, Noem has travelled globally to set up and reinforce cooperative law enforcement agreements in South America and Europe. She met Tuesday in London with ministers from the “Five Eyes” intelligence-sharing partnership focused on border security.

Newly appointed U.K. Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood welcomed Noem and ministers from Canada, Australia and New Zealand to the 18th-century headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company for talks on countering unauthorized migration, child sexual abuse and the spread of opioids. Noem said there had not been disagreements among the ministers in talks focused on sharing information on criminal gangs, using technology to disrupt their networks and speeding extradition arrangements. □

UK ambassador to U.S. in the spotlight over his links to ‘best pal’ Epstein

By **PAN PYLAS Associated Press**

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said Wednesday that he has “confidence” in the country's ambassador to the United States, who faces mounting criticism of his links to the convicted pedophile Jeffrey Epstein.

Starmer's defense of Peter Mandelson came after Democrats on the House Oversight Committee released a 50th birthday album compiled in 2003 for Epstein, who at the time was a wealthy and well-connected financier. In that album, Mandelson in a handwritten note called Epstein “my best pal.”

Other alleged contributors to the album that was compiled by British convicted sex trafficker Ghislaine Maxwell were President Donald Trump, former President Bill Clinton and attorney Alan Dershowitz in a “friends” section, and included other letters with sexually provocative language.

Mandelson, who took on the prestigious diplomatic role earlier this year in the wake of the Labour Party's election victory in July 2024, has admitted knowing Epstein well and told The Sun newspaper that the comments he wrote were “very embarrassing to see and to read.”

Insisting that he has a “tremendous sense, a profound sense of sympathy” for Epstein's victims, Mandelson said his comments were written before Epstein was indicted and that he did not have a business relationship with him.

Epstein took his own life in prison in August 2019 while awaiting trial on sex-trafficking charges, more than a decade after his conviction for soliciting prostitution from a minor.

“I never saw any evidence of criminal activity,” he said. “Perhaps it's because I'm a gay man, perhaps when I knew him, perhaps when I was associated with him those years ago,

as I did with my then partner and now husband, we never, ever saw any evi-

dence or sign of this activity, which has since come to light.” □



Britain's Ambassador to the United States, Peter Mandelson, speaks during a reception at the ambassador's residence on Feb. 26, 2025 in Washington.

Associated Press

An activist flotilla on a mission to Gaza says it was attacked again in Tunisia

By RENATA BRITO and
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Associated Press

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — An international activist flotilla seeking to break the Israeli blockade of Gaza said Wednesday it was attacked for a second night in a row and that a drone targeted one of its boats that was docked in Tunisian waters. No one was harmed.

The Global Sumud Flotilla shared CCTV footage showing people on board the group's British-flagged "Alma" shouting "fire" and pointing to the sky. Projectiles on fire fell on the deck, exploding and setting off a blaze.

"A drone came and dropped another incendiary device," said Thiago Ávila, a Brazilian activist and flotilla spokesperson. The group also posted a photo of a charred object covered in melted plastic, which they said was dropped by the drone, causing the fire. "Fortunately, it was contained with no structural damage to our boat, with no



Ships that are part of the Global Sumud Flotilla heading to Gaza are anchored off the coast of Sidi Bou Said in Tunis, Tunisia, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025.

Associated Press

wounds to our team and we continue our mission to break the siege of Gaza," Ávila added.

The attack appeared similar to the one the night before on the Portuguese-flagged "Family" vessel. Both the Alma and Family were the motherships of the mission, providing support and provisions to

smaller vessels and carrying the most high-profile members of the flotilla, including Swedish activist Greta Thunberg and former Barcelona mayor Ada Colau. "These repeat attacks come during intensified Israeli aggression on Palestinians in Gaza, and are an orchestrated attempt to distract and derail our mis-

sion," the activists said.

Tunisian coastal police were seen alongside the flotilla boats off the port town of Sidi Bou Said on Wednesday morning.

Tunisian authorities had earlier denied claims that the first attack had been caused by drones, adding they were investigating. Tunisia's Interior Ministry,

coast guard and prosecutors did not immediately comment on the new incident Wednesday.

It was not the first time activists trying to break the Israeli blockade of Gaza have come under attack.

Another vessel said it was attacked by drones in May in international waters off Malta. An overland convoy traveling across North Africa also attempted to reach the border but was blocked by security forces aligned with Egypt in eastern Libya.

While drones were not seen in the footage shared by the flotilla, buzzing sounds consistent with the unmanned aircraft could be heard in some of the videos. Flotilla participants have also reported seeing drones hovering over them ever since departing Barcelona on Sept. 1, including moments before the attacks. While falling short of providing concrete evidence, some activists blamed Israel, which has in the past intercepted other activist boats seeking to reach Gaza by sea. □

Cuba hit by second island-wide blackout this year as energy crisis worsens

By ANDREA RODRÍGUEZ
Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — A total blackout hit Cuba on Wednesday, the latest in a series of outages blamed on aging infrastructure and fuel shortages at power plants.

It was the second island-wide outage this year, with three other blackouts reported late last year.

The Ministry of Energy and Mines said on social platform X the latest outage could be tied to a malfunction at one of Cuba's biggest thermoelectric plants. Argelio Abad, the ministry's vice minister, said on state TV the grid shut down after an apparently erroneous message warning of overheating disconnected the thermoelectric plant. He added that officials immediately began to build

a type of microsystem to deliver electricity to infrastructure that provides basic services.

The ministry said crews were working to restore power to the island of roughly 10 million people, with electricity returning to hospitals, food

production plants and other high-priority businesses. Prime Minister Manuel Marrero made an appearance at Cuba's state-run power company and asked Cubans for their trust as he said on state TV that electricity would be restored

gradually.

Some Cubans, like 65-year-old Mayté García, believed they would be without power for a couple of days.

She said she was "outside, taking in the fresh air" as she waited for electricity to return.

"If you buy something, you don't know if you'll be able to keep it. Many people's food has spoiled," García said of items in refrigerators and freezers.

Havana, the country's capital of some two million people, appeared calm, although many ventured out to try and find certain items before dark.

"I came to get bread," said Katie Cárdenas, a 48-year-old public employee, adding that she feared being left without basic goods after the outage.

The city's traffic lights were dark and many social and cultural activities were suspended, but gas stations continued to offer fuel via pumps.

Internet service in Havana was particularly slow or dropped intermittently in some areas.

The persistence of power outages over the years prompted some Cubans to prepare for them.

"I have a small power plant... but many people are complaining because they will be affected," Aurelio Chacón, 65, said.

In recent months, many well-off individuals, small entrepreneurs and residents with family abroad who are able to send goods have installed solar panels or rechargeable devices. □



A pedestrian makes his way during a blackout in Havana, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025.

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Up for a snorkeling adventure in Aruba? Top 3 shipwrecks to explore

(ORANJESTAD) – Aruba is not only the perfect vacation destination to sit back and relax on the sandy beaches but also has great snorkeling spots for passionate adventurers to explore. On the coast of the island, there are various shipwrecks that have become fan-favorites over the years. Here are the top 3 shipwrecks you should explore.

SS Antilla

Dubbed “The Ghost Ship”, SS Antilla is the biggest and most visited shipwreck site off the coast of the island. Located in Malmok, this 400-foot ship's story is one of capture and sabotage during WWII. After Germany invaded The Netherlands, Dutch authorities ordered the confinement of the ship's German crew, who were ported in Aruba because it needed to find a neutral port. The Dutch ordered the ship to be confiscated, but the German crew had other plans. Taking advantage of a delay caused by an anticipated armed resistance, the Germans started scuttling the ship, opening her seacock and setting her ablaze. Eventually, the crew was arrested, but SS Antilla could not be saved by the Dutch forces. The Dutch fired two rounds of their 35mm gun aboard the ‘Aruba’ at SS Antilla and left her to sink. The shipwreck can only be reached by boat. The ship is visible from the surface and during your snorkeling trip you'll be surrounded by hundreds of tropical fishes, but the shipwreck alone is already impressive enough.

SS Pedernales

Like the Antilla, the story of SS Pedernales dates to WWII. Pedernales was used as a lake tanker between Venezuela and Aruba, and sailed under British Flag. At this time, The US and Britain were using Aruba and Curacao as fuel stations for the war ships.

Under operation Neuland (disruption of British and American oil sources), Germany fleets bombed Pedernales. The ship was later cut into three sections, two of which were taken to the US for reconstruction. The remaining part stayed in Aruba and was used as target practice. Eventually, the ship became a snorkeling site that has attracted many visitors throughout the years.

Pedernales lies on the north-west coast of Aruba, and is no more than 10 feet under water, making



it an ideal site for snorkelers and divers of all levels.

Jane Sea Wreck

The Jane Sea Wreck lies near Palm Island at 100 feet underwater. Jane's story is heavily speculated, making her origin a tale of legends.

Launched in 1959, the 190-foot ship was initially called “Blackthorn”. Her last owner, S&D Shipping Ltd. named her Jane Sea. Jane was a cement freighter between Venezuela and Aruba.

The story goes that the Jane Sea arrived one day at the Barcadera Harbor, where Aruban customs discovered several tons of cocaine. The ship was confiscated and petitioned went out for her owner to claim her. However, several years went by and no one came forward to claim the ship, so dive operators decided to sink her as an artificial reef. This happened in 1988. Jane Sea earned the nick name Jane C, because of the illicit white powder discovered on board.

Jane is now beautifully overgrown with coral and is home to a diverse set of marine life, like turtles, octopus, crabs and sometimes even nurse sharks. The stories behind these shipwrecks enriches their exploration and offers snorkelers and divers a glance into the past, as well as the beautiful marine life that have molded these wrecks into their home. So, grab your equipment and discover another side of what Aruba has to offer! We highly recommend you embark on your adventure with the guide of a professional and be sure to take of yourself and Aruba's precious nature. □



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Ever heard of the cah'i orgel? A key instrument in Aruban folklore music

(Oranjestad)—The cah'i orgel music box is an important and unique instrument that is used on the ABC islands in the Dutch Caribbean. This instrument is a

staple in our folklore music, and its significance in the traditions of Aruba has and continues to bring together the old and young.

The origin of the cah'i orgel is said to have come from Europe around 150 years ago. A cross breed between the barrel piano and the organ, the most popular stories said that the instrument came from either England or Germany, but made its way to Italy down to Venezuela, where in 1881, Mr. Horatio Sprock (1866-1949) from Curacao was first introduced to it. After that, Sprock made his

own cah'i orgel "Josefina", and successfully debuted it on the streets of Barquisimeto. Back in Curacao, he started his own cah'i orgel business along with his brother Luis. In Aruba, it is said that the cah'i orgel was introduced by Rufo Wever, who later in his career became one of the composers for the Aruban national anthem.

Rufo Wever was a young musician in 1937 when he established his own cah'i orgel business on the island. Before that he experimented with his uncle's cah'i orgel, and he over the years

he learned to build and repair the instrument. In fact, he was incredibly skilled in this, and he was one of the few to have recognized from the start that the cah'i orgel is an instrument that needs preserving.

As mentioned, the cah'i orgel is a music box. made from mahogany wood, it contains a cylinder with a maximum of eight music pieces. By rotating the lever on the front side of the box, the cah'i orgel produces music similar to that of a piano, and is accompanied often by someone else playing the "wiri", a percus-

sion instrument made out of steel and reminiscent to the Spanish guiro. Back then, you would often also find someone playing the triangle alongside the cah'i orgel and wiri. In Aruba, the cah'i orgel and wiri is used for traditional music genres, such as the Aruban waltz, tumba, mazurka and more.

Fun fact: another name for the cah'i orgel is the "tingilingi box." □

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Aruba's neighborhoods; the meaning behind their names

Just like any other country, Aruba has unique and beautifully named neighborhoods that all form a part of its culture and development. Many of these names have a historical background and meaning that teaches us about the island and its rich culture every day.



With this series, we want to take you on a journey of discovery, where you'll learn not only the beautiful names but the history behind it that gives it life and meaning.

Anabui/Tierra Del Sol

This neighborhood can be seen on Van Raders map and Werbata as Anna Boei. Anna Boei is a name of which there isn't much information about its origin.

The best historians were able to deduce is that this name came to be because of a miscommunication between Van Spengler and the natives who were living on the island. In the Arawak/Taino language one can find the word Anaiboa, which consists of

Ana meaning flower or the best and Iboa; the juice of a cassava, which together would mean "the best juice of a cassava".

If one assumes that the actual word heard was Ana-boio instead, consisting of Ana meaning the best and Boio (bohio); house, the iteration of Anabui would mean "the best house." This is the origin that has been more or less speculated and assumed for the word Anabui and it's meaning.

During the second world war and later, this area was used as a terrain for training of shooting by militia and latero n Korps Mariniers (the marines of Aruba). By the end of the previous century a large part of Anabui was

development project that took place. It is hoped that the original and 'old' name of Anabui is never lost and now it will be remembered by both locals and tourists.

Angochi

This name can be seen on the Werbata map with little and cursive letters. It is the unofficial name for the area given by a tenant to the land that was rented to him.

The biggest probability that historians believe is that it comes from native de-

scent, during the time in the 19th century where Mestizos still lived on Aruba. The name can't really be explain and according to books on its history seems to be more of a sign of corruption.

However, it seems to come from combining A(n), which is a generalizing prefix and Goeiza, which means 'the spirit of a living man'. Angochi remains more of a guess.

This neighborhood's abbreviation is; An.□



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The Aruban Cunukero; From past to present

(Oranjestad)—Aruba's culture consists of rich historical traditions that make up the Aruban identity and lifestyle. However, the life of the cunukero (farmer) is perhaps the most important aspect of our culture, in a sense representing to locals the true essence of the Aruban.

Historically, cunucus (farms) played a huge role in the early social and economic development of Aruba, and its relevance dates back to the early days of the colonization era. Upon being discovered by Spanish conquistadors in the late 15th century, Aruba was used primarily as a ranch, housing horses and cattle brought from Europe. During the Dutch colonization era where the West Indian Company (WIC) dominated the economic sphere on the island, using the land to set up cattle farms and ranches remained popular.

Anthropologist Sidney Mintz divided Caribbean farmers back in four categories:

The "squatters", who were mostly comprised of illegal and poor colonists, runaway slaves and deserters who took advantage of the Spanish's weak supervision on Caribbean islands like Cuba and the DR; Then you have "Early Yeomen", who were legal farmers who came to the west under contract. Once their contract expired, they were given a plot of land for independent use; Proto-Peasants were plantation slaves who were allowed to have a small piece of land to grow food for their own consumption. This was to curb the cost of living on the plantations; Lastly you have the "Runaway Peasantries", usually comprised of runaway slaves who acquired farming tools and cattle through stealing or through secret exchanges with other slaves from different plantations. However, the Aruban cunukeros back then are hard to place, and their history may explain why.



From 1636 (beginning of Dutch colonization era) to before the oil industry in 1924, Aruba's population consisted of mostly farmers. These farmers were mostly indigenous and were characterized as peasants. They weren't allowed to participate in trading, but instead were granted a piece of land to live off of. However, in exchange for this grant, these indigenous farmers were obligated to work for the WIC, doing daily tasks such as taking care of or hunting cattle—large majority of which were destined for Curacao, clean water tanks and chop wood, among other things.

As much as these farmers were given to opportunity to live "free" with a plot of land, their exclusion from the trading and business world, as well as being deprived the chance to become real property and cattle owners, made them a unique group among Caribbean farmers at the time.

The WIC placed a lot of restrictions on these indigenous farmers—a method to safeguard their cattle deposit on the island. The indigenous farmers were mostly granted less than 7 acres of land. Those who owned bigger land were either once affiliated with the WIC or were colonists who settled on the island to try their luck at farming. In 1767, there were about 120 houses/cunucus on the island.

These Aruban farmers were also limited to the amount of cattle they could keep. Most kept goats as cattle, as only those who were affiliated with the WIC could keep (more) sheep. Of the 76 goat herders on the island, about 45 of them had less than 30 goats, and only 7 of them had more than 60 goats.

It wasn't until the WIC was defunct in late 18th century that these farmers were able to obtain more freedom as cunukeros. After 1824, the government

gave these farmers official permission to keep livestock, and the obligations once placed on them were officially discarded.

Because of the dry climate in Aruba, growing food for commercial purposes was not popular. The focus was mainly on cattle herding and taking care of livestock. However, livestock need food to survive, and when Aruba experienced its duper dry climate, many farmers would see a big loss in their livestock, and hence profit.

Although the WIC at one point did try to come up with an initiative to get more people to have land on the island, the climate never really allowed real profit from farming. Because of the climate, Aruban farmers in general could not keep large quantities of livestock. At a certain point toward the end of the 18th century, the climate got so bad that many farmers decided to leave the island for a while.

For this reason, the farming economy on the island remained small. As the years went by and people noticed that these farms could not really produce any sustainable profit, farmers kept their small piece of land just to live off of. This is why the Aruban cunukeros only played a very tiny role into the plantation economy.

In modern Aruba, cunucus and cunukeros still exist on the island, fortunately with more freedom and more opportunity to tap into the agricultural market. These farmers usually sell their produce on a smaller scale, like during farmers' market events and other types of (holiday) events.

Source: "Arubaans Akkoord: Opstellen over Aruba van voor de komst van de olieindustrie (Aruban Accord: Essays on Aruba Before the Arrival of the Oil Industry)" by Alofs, Luc; Rutgers, Wim; Coomans, Henry E. red. □

Did you know about...?

The history and meaning of the Aruban florin

(Oranjestad)—Aruba Today is proud to officially introduce a new segment called **Did you know about...?**, where we dive into some (historical) facts of Aruba, its culture and way of living. In this first edition, we look back at the Aruban florin: its history, design and symbolism.

In Aruba, we know the 5, 10, 25 and 50 cent coins, along with the 1 and 5 Florin coin. Aruban Florin bills include the 10, 25, 50, 100, and rarely, the 200 bills. In Papiamentu we call our currency Florin, but the umbrella term for money is placa. Cents are called cen (pronounced: seng), both in the singular and plural form.

Most coins are circular and their size depend on their worth. However, the 50 cent coin is easily recognizable by their square shape, as is the 5 Florin coin by their golden color. Every coin has the Aruban emblem carved on it, with the other side displaying the worth of the coin. The bigger 1 and 5 florin coins, however, contain the carving of the emblem on one side, while displaying the side profile of the Dutch king, Willem-Alexander, on the other side. When his mother, Princess Beatrix, was reigning queen, it was her profile that was carved on the two coins.

Outdated Aruban coins and their names

In the past, Aruban coins had distinctive names and also varied in worth. For example, a 5-cent coin was once called Dos placa; 10-cent coins were called debchi; 25-cent coins were called diez placa and the 50-cent coin was once called Yotin (pronounced: jo-teen). We also used a distinctive coins worth 2 ½ cents, called placa too. However, this last coin is no longer in use and has become a relic of Aruban money. Back then, the 5-Florin coin used to also be square, but now it is circular.

Aruban bills: their design and symbolism

The Aruban Florin collection contains a varia-

tion of colorful bills, displaying incredibly detailed and beautiful designs that tell the story of Aruba on a single piece of paper.

Prior to 2019, the Aruban Florin bills were relatively simpler in design compared to now, but still included beautiful designs and colors, often depicting local animals. These past designs were made by the Aruban artist Everino Fingal in 1990 up to 2019. Between 1990 and 1993, the 5 Florin coin was a bill. The Fingal designs also included a 500-Florin bill, which has now been discontinued.

In 2019, the Central Bank of Aruba commissioned a new design of the Aruba Florin bills, this time selecting artist and former art teacher, Nigel Matthew, to present his new design. Matthew kept the tradition of including local animals and the familiar colors on the bills. However, he included additional designs that represent the Aruban culture and link to the Indigenous inhabitants that were the first to set foot on the island.

Current design and symbolism

10 florin

On the 10-florin bill, you can see a Turtuga blanco (white turtle). The blue color symbolizes the blue Caribbean Sea. You can also see the ruins of the Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins, a coral motif, and the symbols of Cas Floria (traditional Aruban house design) with a piece of mosaic.

25 florin

On this orange bill, you can see an Aruban medicinal plant called Shoshoro. The birds Trupiaal, Shoco, rock drawings, and the symbols of Cas Floria with a piece of mosaic are also depicted. There is also a Purun di ceramica (clay pot), in reference to the relics left behind by our indigenous ancestors.



50 florin

On this bill, we see the Cododo (blue lizard found on the ABC islands), Cangreu di tera (land crab), Willem III Tower, and again the symbols of Cas Floria with a piece of mosaic, as well as a beach plant called Banana di rif. The colors are pink/purple.

100 florin

This bill is green in color, representing nature. Here we see the Yuwana (Iguana), Aloe, Toteki (lizard), the symbols of Cas Floria with a piece of mosaic, and a dance group performing the Baile di cinta (folkloric dance with silk ribbons).

200 florin

There is another bill with a value of 200 dollars. The brown color symbolizes the earth of Aruba. Here we see the Dornasol and the Warawara—both local birds, along with the symbols of Cas Floria with a piece of mosaic, the Tuna cactus plant, and the Caha di orgel (folkloric instrument, used for many traditional songs).

Extra fact:

the word “florin” supposedly is named after the Italian city of Florence or it's a reference to the Italian word “florino”, both explanations related to historical Italian currencies.

Source: Placa, placa, placa by the National Library of Aruba

Visit the natural bridges of Aruba!

(Oranjestad)—After you've visited the Alto Vista Church, the Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins and the mini natural pool that is located right next to

it, you're next up around the northern coast line must be the Natural Bridge. Once the largest natural bridge in the Caribbean, this bridge has

been a tourist attraction for many years.

The bridge was formed during thousands of years, cut and crafted by the wild waves that crash into the coral stone walls of the coast. Before its collapse, this bridge measured 30 meters in length and 7 meters in height, making it the biggest natural bridge in the Caribbean at the time. For many years, this site was also a frequently visited beach, as the bridge had a small opening through which the water would flow into the tiny beach.

Unfortunately in 2005, the bridge collapsed, and the little beach dried up. De-

spite this, this site remained a tourist attraction, with many visitors walking along the coral cliffs of the bridge to see the spectacular view of the northern coastline and the Caribbean Sea. Visitors can also still visit the souvenir shop on the left of the bridge

entrance.

While the natural bridge no longer is functional, there is now a smaller natural bridge very close. This bridge is often called the “Baby Bridge” or “Daughter Bridge”. □



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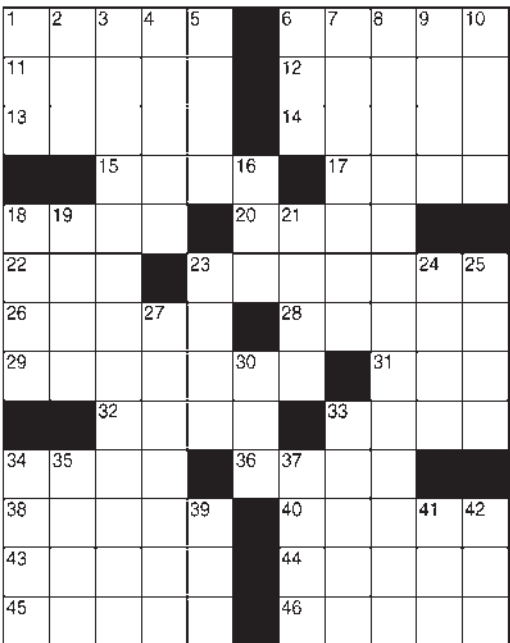
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.



Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 8 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.



Safety

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occur, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.



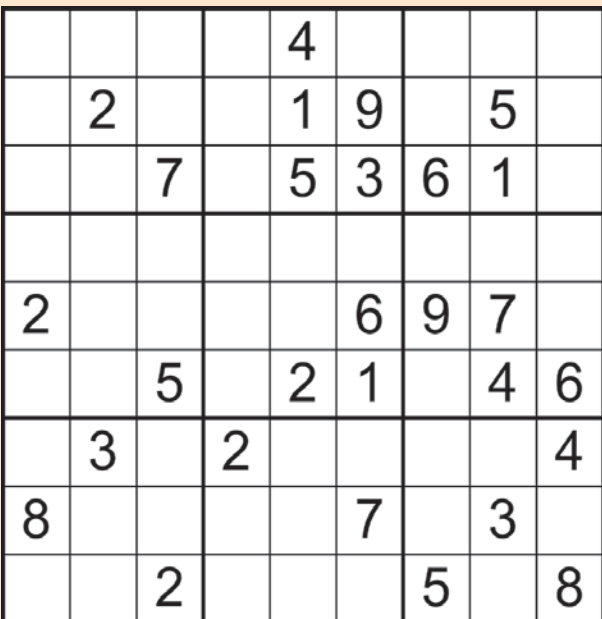
Drinking water

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

King Classic Sudoku



Difficulty: ★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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2	5	1	4	3	6	7	9	8
9	6	4	7	5	8	3	1	2
3	7	8	1	9	2	4	5	6

Difficulty: ★★★

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Dick Van Dyke nears 100: A new documentary reveals untold stories



Honoree Dick Van Dyke attends the 43rd Annual Kennedy Center Honors at The Kennedy Center on May 21, 2021, in Washington.

Associated Press

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

Movie theaters across the country are pulling out the stops for Dick Van Dyke's 100th birthday in December. A new documentary about the song and dance man's life, "Dick Van Dyke: 100th Celebration," will be in theaters over his birthday weekend on Dec. 13 and 14, Fathom Entertainment said Wednesday. "It's wonderful; a total surprise for me," Van Dyke said in a statement the filmmakers provided to The Associated Press. "If you don't think luck has a lot to do with it, then you're mistaken."

The feature length film has been in the works for over three decades. In telling

the story of Van Dyke's 80-plus years in entertainment, the film weaves together clips from classic films, like "Mary Poppins," "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" and "Bye Bye Birdie," and television shows, including "The Dick Van Dyke Show" and "Diagnosis: Murder," as well as new interviews with Van Dyke in which he shares never-before-heard stories from his time in Hollywood.

The portrait is bookended with a visit to his hometown of Danville, Illinois, where he visits his childhood home, the radio station where he started his career as a DJ at age 16 and his old high school where he took the stage once more to join in with the students perform-

ing songs from some of his most beloved films. "He couldn't help himself," filmmaker Steve Boettcher said. "He got out of the seat and went up on stage and sang and danced with them. It's really a sweet coming home. Danville built him in so many ways." Over the past 30 years, Boettcher also spoke many of his closest Hollywood friends and collaborators including Mary Tyler Moore, Carl Reiner, Rose Marie, Morey Amsterdam, Betty White, Tim Conway and Chita Rivera, all of whom have since died. □

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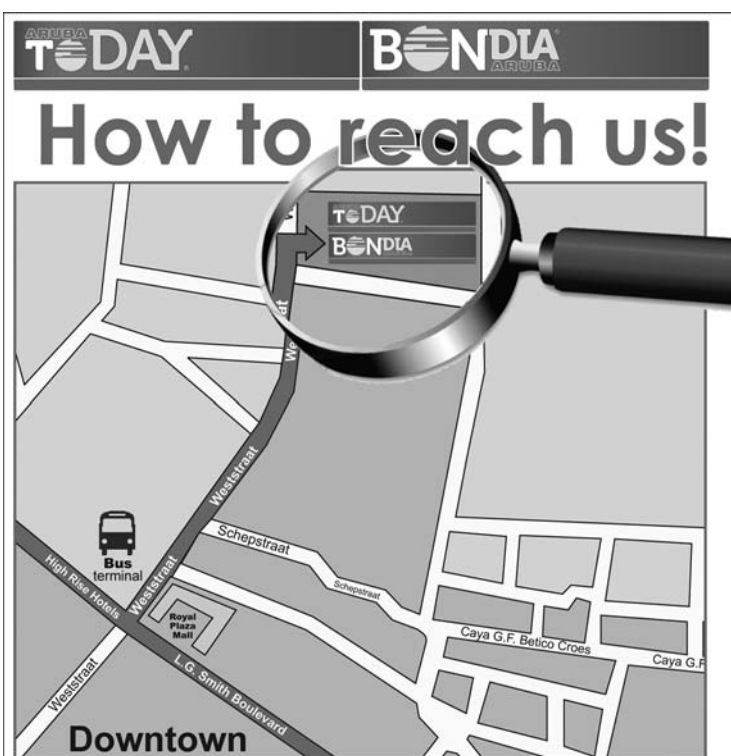
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Klarna shares rise 15% in their first day of trading on Wall Street

By **KEN SWEET**
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Klarna made a solid debut on the New York Stock Exchange, with shares of the Swedish buy now, pay later company rising nearly 15%, the latest in a run of high-profile initial public offerings this year.

Klarna stock opened at \$52 a share Wednesday, a 30% premium to the company's \$40 pricing. It took roughly three-and-a-half hours for the specialists on the floor of the NYSE to manually price the first batch of trades of the company. The shares rose as high as \$57 before losing some momentum and ending at \$45.82, up 14.6%.

More than 34 million shares worth approximately \$1.37 billion were sold to investors, making it the largest IPO this year, according to Renaissance Capital. That's notable because 2025 has been one of the busier years for companies going public. Other notable IPOs this year include the design software company Figma and Circle Internet Group, which issues the USDC stablecoin. Investors are also looking forward to the expected market debuts of the ticket exchange Stub-



Klarna CEO Sebastian Siemiatkowski, third from right, and company Chairman Michael Moritz, second from right, shake hands as they ring the New York Stock Exchange opening bell, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025.

Associated Press

Hub and the cryptocurrency exchange Gemini, which is majority owned by the Winklevoss twins.

Founded in 2005 as a payments company, Klarna entered the U.S. buy-now-pay-later market in 2015 in partnership with department store operator Macy's. Since then, Klarna has expanded to hundreds of thousands of merchants and embedded itself in internet browsers and digital

wallets as an alternative to credit cards. The company recently announced a partnership with Walmart. The company will trade under the symbol "KLAR." While Klarna was founded in Sweden and is a popular payment service in Europe, company executives said they made the decision to go public in the U.S. as a signal that Klarna's future growth opportunities lay with the American shop-

per. "It's the largest consumer market in the world, and it's the biggest credit card market in the world. It's a tremendous opportunity, from our perspective," said CEO and co-founder Sebastian Siemiatkowski in an interview with The Associated Press ahead of the IPO. Over the years and in multiple interviews, Siemiatkowski has made it clear that Klarna wants to steal

away customers from the big credit card companies and sees credit cards as a high-interest, exploitative product that consumers rarely use correctly.

Klarna's most popular product is what's known as a "pay-in-4" plan, where a customer can split a purchase into four payments spread over six weeks. The company also offers a longer-term payment plan where it charges interest. The business model has caught on globally, particularly among consumers who are reluctant to use credit cards. The company said 111 million consumers worldwide have used Klarna. Klarna and other buy-now-pay-later companies have attracted increased public interest in recent years as the business model has caught on. State and federal regulators, as well as consumer groups, have expressed some degree of worry that consumers may overextend themselves financially on buy-now-pay-later loans just as much as they do with credit cards. Siemiatkowski says the company is actively monitoring how consumers use their products, and the average balance of Klarna user is less than \$100. □

Musk loses crown as world's richest to software giant Larry Ellison in new Bloomberg ranking

By **BERNARD CONDON**
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison wrested the title of the world's richest man from longtime holder Elon Musk early Wednesday, according to wealth tracker Bloomberg, as stock in his software giant rocketed more than a third in a stunning few minutes of trading. A college dropout, the 81-year-old Ellison is now worth \$393 billion, Bloomberg says, several billion more than Musk, who became the world's richest for the first time four years ago. Stock in one of Musk's biggest holdings, Tesla, has been moving in the opposite direction of Oracle's, dropping 14% so far this

year as of Tuesday.

The switch in the ranking came after a blockbuster earnings report from Ora-

cle powered by multibillion dollar orders from customers as the artificial-intelligence race heats up.



Larry Ellison, chairman and chief technology officer of Oracle Corporation, sits in the Oval Office of the White House as President Donald Trump signs an executive order, Monday, Feb. 3, 2025, in Washington.

Associated Press

Another news organization with a long history of tallying the world's richest, Forbes, still has Musk at the top, at \$439 billion. Bloomberg put his net worth at \$385 billion. The difference is partly in how the two estimate the value of Musk's private holdings, which include rocket maker SpaceX and the former Twitter, now called X. With Ellison's surging fortune Wednesday, he could fund the lifestyles of 5 million American families for a year, about the entire population of Florida, allowing them to all quit their jobs, assuming the U.S. median household income.

Or Ellison could just tell all of South Africa to take a vacation for year and pro-

duce nothing, based on its gross domestic product.

Ellison owns about 40% of Oracle, which means its surging stock added \$100 billion to his net worth in little over a half-hour after stock market opened. The company had announced more than \$300 billion worth of new contracts when it reported earnings. It said that it now expects revenue from its cloud infrastructure business to jump 77% to \$18 billion this fiscal year, then rise to \$144 billion in four years after that. Ellison said about the bold projections, "AI Changes Everything."

Musk is hoping the same for Tesla and his own net worth, but he's been struggling to convince investors. □

NBA's 'heave rule' will allow deep end-of-quarter shots without hurting player shooting percentages

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA players can now fire up those end-of-quarter heaves from deep without their shooting percentages being adversely affected. The league has approved a change in the way statistics on those shots are recorded, which could spur players to take more heaves from very, very deep with hopes of a miracle make. It was finalized at the league's board of governors meeting on Wednesday.

The rule change was tried out at Summer League in Las Vegas back in July, as well as the smaller leagues that month in Utah and California.

For stat-keeping purposes, the NBA will tell teams that any shot taken within the final three seconds of the first three quarters and is launched from at least 36 feet away on any play that starts in the backcourt will count as a team shot attempt but not an individual one.

Many players have avoided taking the miracle 50-footer or deeper shot at the end of quarters to protect their personal shooting percentages. The "heave rule," the league hopes, will fix that.



Dallas Mavericks guard Luka Doncic (77) heaves a shot from half court over Portland Trail Blazers forward Jerami Grant (9) as the buzzer sounds in the first half of an NBA basketball game in Dallas, Dec. 16, 2022.

According to SportRadar, players last season made about 4% of shots taken in the final three seconds of a game with the 36-foot minimum distance. Based on its tracking data, Golden State's Stephen Curry made four shots under

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The AP and other outlets reported on Sept. 3 that the league is closing in on finalizing another new format for this season's All-Star Game, one where three eight-man teams two from the U.S. and one composed of international players would square off in a round-robin tournament. Having 16 All-Stars from the U.S. and eight from other countries would be in line

with the current breakdown of where NBA players are from; the league is about two-thirds American players, one-third international players. "People have great memories of All-Star games. It's part of the fabric of this league, the excitement that comes from it and the engagement from our players," Silver said. "So, we want to fix it." The league has been heading in this direction for several months, especially after last season's All-Star mini-tournament untimed games to 40 points, with four teams of eight players each was a flop. Silver has wanted a more competitive All-Star format for years. Nobody has been willing to play much in the way of defense at the game in recent seasons a 211-186 game in 2024 was the last straw there so the league tried the tournament plan this past season. European, domestic expansion Talks on how to proceed with a new NBA-backed league in Europe, in partnership with FIBA, are continuing, Silver said. □

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Spanish Vuelta riders vote to continue racing for now after pro-Palestinian protests

MADRID (AP) — Spanish Vuelta riders have voted to keep competing but did not rule out abandoning the Grand Tour event if pro-Palestinian protests continue to disrupt the race.

Wednesday's 17th stage ended without any major incident after authorities limited the number of people who could reach the summit where the finish line was located. A couple of Palestinian flags were seen

but no one tried to disrupt the race.

Riders had decided to keep going but will reconvene if another protest jeopardizes their safety in the final days of the three-week race that is scheduled to end Sunday in Madrid. The international riders' association said the vote had been requested by the riders and it involved representatives of the 23 teams racing in the Vuelta this year. The majority decided to keep competing, and those who voted against had accepted the decision. It did not give any details.

The vote came a day after organizers were forced to cut short a stage because

of protesters who are demanding the withdrawal of an Israel-based team from the race. It was the second time a stage was cut short because of the protests.

There was a small protest by people with Palestinian flags at the start of Wednesday's stage but it did not impact the race. Giulio Pellizzari of team Red Bull-Bora-Hansgrohe broke away at the end of the tough final climb to win the stage for his first professional victory. The 21-year-old Italian is the youngest stage winner at the Vuelta since Tadej Pogacar's first victories in 2019.

"This is the best moment of my career, a short career

until now. Today I had a strange feeling. I felt a bit it could be my day," Pellizzari said. "I was really full gas on the steep part."

Team Visma-Lease a Bike rider Jonas Vingegaard remained the overall leader, with Joao Almeida of UAE Team Emirates-XRG 50 seconds back in second.

"To be honest, I think I suffered more before the last climb than on the last climb," Vingegaard said. "The pace was really high today and it was a really hard day. I had hoped to take the victory today but I couldn't do that, and to gain two seconds in the general classification is better than nothing obviously." □



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Chiefs coach Andy Reid says emotional outbursts in loss to Chargers are 'part of the game'

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) —

The Kansas City Chiefs are downplaying a pair of emotional on-field outbursts, including one that involved star tight end Travis Kelce, that marked their season-opening loss to the Los Angeles Chargers in Brazil last week.

The first came when Kelce got into the face of right tackle Jawaan Taylor, who was penalized four times in the 27-21 loss. The second came late in the game, when Kansas City was trying to make a stop and get the ball back, and linebacker Drue Tranquill had words with defensive tackle Chris Jones, who had lost containment and allowed the



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes scores against the Los Angeles Chargers during the second half of an NFL football game, Friday, Sept. 5, 2025, in Sao Paulo.

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Chargers to get a first down. That mistake ultimately allowed Los Angeles to run out the clock.

"It's an emotional game. That's part of it," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said Wednesday. "The guys pull for each other, they get after each other. That's all part of it. When guys do good, they jump around. It's all part of it. Time and place for everything."

Reid would like to see some of that emotion a little earlier in the game.

Preferably directed at the other team.

Reid acknowledged that his team came out flat last Friday night, even though the Chiefs had vowed all off-season that they would bounce back from a lopsided Super Bowl loss to the Philadelphia Eagles who, by the way, visit Arrowhead Stadium for the rematch Sunday. But rather than come out with a sense of urgency against a division rival, the Chiefs fell into an early 13-3 hole, struggled to deal with Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert and ultimately never led in the game. "There are no excuses, for any of us, what took place," Reid said. "We've got to do better bringing energy for sure." What may be most concerning is that the early effort in Sao Paulo was strikingly similar to the languid way Kansas City started the Super Bowl. In that case, the Chiefs dug a 24-0 halftime hole against Jalen Hurts and the Eagles, and they trailed 34-0 late in the third quarter, before a couple of late touchdowns resulted in a 40-22 final margin.

"You have to learn from the mistakes you make. That's part of playing the game," Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes said. "You learn from your failures, just like you learn from the positive things you do, and then you come back and play better football this week, and it's going to take our best football to go out there and get a win." Mahomes also downplayed last week's on-field disputes among teammates, saying simply: "It's football." □



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